

Washington, DC – Today Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) was named by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to the newly created Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. The Committee, created with strong bipartisan support by a vote of 269 to 150, will examine a wide range of issues linked to climate change and energy.

“Global warming is the single greatest threat to this generation,” said Congressman Blumenauer. “We must begin to take advantage of the solid scientific evidence of real scientists NOW. The new Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming is a key step in the Federal Government assuming its responsibility to implement simple commonsense steps in this process. The good news is that much of what needs to be done we already know how to do. Better yet, much of it is cost effective and will save us money. I am honored that the Speaker has asked me to join and am privileged to serve with my esteemed colleagues.”

Congressman Blumenauer is a member of the Budget Committee and the Committee on Ways and Means. His work in Congress has focused on making the federal government a better partner to communities in addressing transportation alternatives, providing housing choices, supporting sustainable economies and improving the environment. He was selected to the Committee for his experience and leadership on energy and global warming issues.